

country. The Clean Air Act has been cleaning our air for over four decades, while continuing to grow our economy. The final cross-State air pollution rule that was published today will encourage innovation and cost-savings and help powerplants achieve their mission of providing clean, affordable, and reliable energy. I am happy to see the EPA use this tool, given to it by Congress, to protect the people and the environment of Vermont and the rest of the country from pollution generated by distant industries.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DAVID GETCHES

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today I recognize the important contributions of David Getches, who died earlier this week. He leaves behind not only a family to whom he was intensely devoted, but also an impressive legacy of public service, scholarship, mentorship, and friendship.

Having served as both chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am particularly appreciative of his remarkable scholarship and public service in the areas of natural resources law and policy. He was a prolific writer on water, public land, and Indian law and policy, and there are no doubt many dog-eared copies of his books and articles on those subjects in our committee files. He was called on to testify as an expert in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, and his insight and creativity on those issues have had a positive impact on the legislation and oversight that are the responsibility of our committee and others.

While his resume of government service is notable—including special consultant to Department of the Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources—it does not reflect the countless hours of knowledge and wisdom that David freely shared with government officials and staff who regularly sought his counsel.

David was a dedicated teacher of many thousands of students at the University of Colorado School of Law and a mentor to two of our committee staff who have worked on water and public lands issues. He was returning to the faculty this summer after serving 8 years as dean of the School of Law.

David Getches distinguished himself throughout his career. But what I understand set him apart, was that, at the same time, he distinguished himself as a father to his three children Liza, Catie, and Matthew and as a husband to his wife Ann. They have our deep sympathy as they endure this loss. He is greatly missed.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 515. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 515. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1340. A bill to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2408. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semi-annual report relative to Reserve component equipment delivery; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2409. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the discretionary special compensation provided in section 603 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2410. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Air Force and was assigned case number 08-07; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Secretary of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a joint report entitled "Implementation Proposal for the National Action Plan for Demand Response"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2412. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the activities of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce, for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2413. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (Docket No. WV-117-FOR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2414. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Exchange of Annuity Contracts" (Rev. Proc. 2011-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2415. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Suspension of Reporting Requirements Under Sections 6038D and 1298(f)" (Notice 2011-55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2416. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-79 "Housing Production Trust Fund Dedicated Tax Appropriations Authorization Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2417. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-80 "Housing Production Trust Fund Pollin Memorial Community Dedicated Tax Appropriations Authorization Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2418. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-81 "Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits Continuation Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2419. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-82 "Brewery Manufacturer's Tasting Permit Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2420. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-89 "Department of Forensic Sciences Establishment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2421. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-90 "Closing of Water Street, S.W., S.O. 10-15906, Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2422. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-91 "Closing of Public Street adjacent to Square 4376 Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2423. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automotive Fuel Ratings Certification and Posting" (RIN3084-AB14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2424. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision to the List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities" (RIN2137-AE74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2425. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of